

Local and Miscellaneous News.

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THE COMPLEMENTARY DINNER TO COMRADES.—This entertainment, given by the ladies of Stillwater, came off at the St. Croix House, according to previous announcement, on Thursday afternoon of last week. Every member of company B, or any one who had been a member, or any one belonging, or who had ever belonged to the immortal Minnesota "Onesies," or any other Minnesota regiment, who were in the vicinity, received an invitation to be present. Three tables the entire length of the dining-room, were prepared for the reception of the guests, loaded with every luxury which could be procured at this season, or which the thoughtful and affectionate heart of woman could devise, or her skillful hands so deftly prepare. About one hundred and eighty persons sat down, among whom we noticed from St. Louis, Col. George of the Second Minnesota; Surgeon Le Boon of the First; Capt. R. C. Olmsted, A. A. G., Captains Coates and Davis of the First; Capt. Ulm of the Third.

The dining-room was superbly decorated with flags and wreaths of evergreen, with the names of the principal battles which the First and Second regiments had been engaged. Thirteen girls—representing the thirteen original States—tastefully adorned with the stripes and stars, acted as waiters at the different tables. Two magnificent pyramids of cakes decorated the tables, prepared by Mrs. Governor Hancock, and Mrs. Capt. A. J. Van Yperse, elegantly decorated with tasteful devices, and bearing the following mottoes:

"THE MINNESOTA FIRST—THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE."
"WELCOME HOME."
"IN MEMORY OF THE HONORED DEAD OF COMPANY B."

The company being seated, Mayor Brossius presiding at one of the tables, and W. E. Thorne at the other, grace was said by Rev. Mr. Hovell, after which the whole company, in line of battle, made a spirited and determined attack upon the formidable array of tempting viands which the tables were so profusely loaded. But the table being promptly and patiently replenished, hardly any diminution was apparent, after an hour's determined effort. All being satisfied, a pleasant hour was spent in listening to the toasts, sentiments and speeches. We much regret that we are not able to report all the pleasant and excellent things said on that occasion, but our space will not permit.

We can only find room for the greeting and toasts and one or two sentiments, which were read by Mayor Brossius, and W. E. Thorne, who acted as Master of ceremonies. First, the following greeting from the ladies, by Mrs. Geo. T. Curtis:

GREETING TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF MINNESOTA.
Sisters—We have assembled tonight to give you greeting, and warm thanks for the evidence that you have made of your own patriotic and devotion to your country, in promptly meeting her demands. When the heroes of our beloved country were first, over- come with the dark shadows of death, and the sun of day light of hope and prosperity, the sword of death was unsheathed. Obedient to her call, you as one people to the field of conflict, uniting your efforts with the thousands of brave and justly honored, who have fallen in protecting and sustaining their rights, and thus, thereby the Father of our Country bequeathed to us.

After we have of this bloody war has rolled over our land. Your devotion has fallen by your side. It is now, our country, brothers, sons and husbands are gone. Desolation and gloom shrouds many a happy home, while you have been permitted to return to receive your thanks and benedictions. For the brave men who have sacrificed upon your State and your Country, by the safety and confidence that it was not yours to bring the olive and the sword, and Peace and War, the legacy of treason and dishonor should be forgotten in the brightness of that day when your State shall assume its place in the history of our Nation's glory.

Then from this land shall spring a peace, pure, unalloyed, mingling perfume its radiance with the clear light of the Resurrection Morn.

MISSIS (Red, White and Blue).
OUR COUNTRY.—[Response by Wm. M. McClellan, Esq.]
THE ARMY AND NAVY.—[Response by Col. George.]

THE MINNESOTA VOLUNTEERS.—[Sentiment by Mrs. Gold T. Curtis; Response by Lieut. Meun Shepard.]
OUR DAD.—[Sentiment by Mrs. W. E. Thorne; Response by Rev. Mr. Hovell.]
MISSIS.—[O, wrap the flag around our boys.]

COMPANY B, MINNESOTA FIRST.—[Sentiment by Wm. E. Thorne; Response by Capt. Sinclair.]
THE LADIES.—[Response by H. R. McDuck.]

A few brief and pleasant remarks were offered by Rev. J. C. Caldwell, after which followed the reading of a number of short, patriotic sentiments:

Our Father's House.—Who so nobly fell defending our dear old flag—May now wave its bright garlands round their names, and be "happy" in the land of memory from the patriot's grave, a very warm heart on our land."

By Mrs. J. C. Caldwell.—Comprising of the Minnesota Soldiers. The first offering of the St. Croix Valley in defense of the glorious "Stars and Stripes." The unflinching heroes of a score of hard fought battles, we honor them for their brave deeds, and when they shall have retired to private life, covered with well earned laurels, and holding in grateful remembrance their patriotic deeds (Shout) for their future be as pleasant as May, let them be led to the green pastures of virtue and happiness, by their own Shepherd, and may their pilgrim robe be done.

By Mrs. H. R. McDuck.—The Private Soldier—His path through life shall be illuminated by the radiance shining on him from many a well-fought field. The unwearied soldiers of Company B—They have rendered themselves illustrious by their efforts to restore a divided National Union. May each one be successful in forming for himself a marriage union which shall be loving and lasting.

By Mrs. Wm. M. McClellan.—The wives and mothers of our soldiers—God bless their patriotism and fortitude.

The following letter from Lieut. Col. Adams was read by Mayor Brossius:

Mrs. W. E. Thorne, Secretary Ladies Reception, Stillwater, Minn.
MADAM—Your kind note inviting me to be present at the Reception Dinner, given in honor of Co. B First Reg. Minn. Vol., at the St. Croix Hotel in your city, on the afternoon of the 25th inst., has been received, and I deeply regret to announce to you that severe illness in my family deprives me of the pleasure of being present on that occasion.

The ladies of Stillwater have done themselves lasting credit in getting up this grand reception, but not more than the brave, for it is soldiers they would honor, have distinguished themselves on the field of battle. These gallant men are noble representatives of your city, and the young "North Star State." Their glorious ranks fully attest their patriotic devotion to the glorious cause in which their blood has been so freely shed. All honor to the brave men who so gallantly have borne, and the thousands of the right, that your fair hands prepared and presented to them less than three years ago. In their blood was their honor vindicated, and by their strong arms, beneath the folds, red and white, were taught to respect "The Flag of the Free."

Now the original term of enlistment having almost expired, they return to you with crowns of honor, wearing

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STILLWATER.
Tuesday, - - - March 8, 1864.

A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed.

We publish elsewhere a call for the ladies of Stillwater to meet in the City Council room to-morrow P. M., to discuss the propriety of responding for Stillwater to the call for contributions to the Sanitary Fair to be held at St. Louis in May next. The call emanates from one of the most intelligent and patriotic ladies of the city, and we doubt not will be responded to with all the patriotic enthusiasm which has heretofore distinguished the ladies of Stillwater. And when assembled we trust not one moment will be lost in "dismissing the propriety" of such a movement. You have generously helped and entertained our returned heroes, now it seems eminently proper that at least an equal effort should be made to alleviate the sufferings of those who are wasting with disease in the distant hospitals.

The Amendment to the School Law.

Of the two hundred and twenty-four laws, memorials, and resolutions brought forth by the session of the legislature which closed on Friday last, we regard none of paramount importance to this act amendatory to the School Law of 1862. This act provides that such counties as elect to do so may appoint a suitable person as County Superintendent of Public Schools whose duty it shall be to "examine and license teachers, and to annual certificates on course shown; to visit and inspect the schools of his county, at least once in each term and give such advice to the teacher as may be requisite and necessary; to organize and conduct at least one institute for the instruction of teachers in each year; to encourage Teachers' Associations; to introduce to the notice of teachers and the people the best modes of instruction; (the most approved plans of building and ventilating school houses, and ornamenting and adapting school grounds for the cultivation of the taste and the healthful exercise of the children) to simulate school officers to the prompt and proper discharge of their duty; to receive reports, &c.

We have not space to publish the details of the law but from a hasty reading we are inclined to think it is just what the educational interests of our State do need.

We hope that this county will elect to avail itself of the benefits of this act—but there is one fact which our people should keep constantly in mind. No legislative enactment can, alone, make good schools. To obtain this result we have in the first place the active and intelligent cooperation and assistance of parents. In the second place we want competent and faithful teachers. These two conditions being fulfilled we cannot have worthless schools. The first duty then of the County Superintendent will be to instruct the people. We verily believe that the greatest reason why many of the people in some of our country school districts are so easily satisfied with the miserable barbarisms which they are accustomed to call schools, is because they do not know what constitutes a good school—do not know that the hodge-podge arrangement which is in operation in their district under the name of "a school," is as good as any school or good enough at any rate. Hence the first duty of educating the people so that they will be no longer satisfied with staid mediocrity.

Then through the loose system of supervision which has been practiced heretofore, a great many incompetent teachers have got into places. To refuse certificates to such will require some nerve—what a politician men call "backbone." If our commissioners elect a man to this position who will perform these duties faithfully and fearlessly we have no doubt that all will be satisfied with the new law but if on the contrary, a miserable do nothing, make shift policy man is elected to the position, our schools will not be benefited our money will be uselessly squandered and a popular odium be thrown upon the system which no future Superintendent can easily overcome.

—Ex President Fillmore recently made a very strong Copperhead speech. —The election in New Hampshire takes place to-day. The next Legislature of that State has to elect a successor to the Hon. John P. Hale. Ex-President Pierce is the Copperhead candidate.

The General Assembly of Rhode Island has adopted resolutions endorsing the Administration of Mr. Lincoln and renouncing him for the Presidency. —The radicals were successful in the Union caucus in the city of Baltimore.

Important to Volunteers—The Time for Paying Bonuses Extended till the 1st of April—The Draft.

The following important dispatches have been received during the week by Lieut. Col. Averill, the Assistant Provost Marshal General for this State: Lieut. Col. J. T. Averill, St. Paul:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.
On and after March 1st, 1864, and further orders, a premium of fifty dollars for an accepted veteran recruit, and a premium of ten dollars for an accepted recruit, not veteran, will be paid from the draft and volunteer fund under the regulations that now govern the payment of the premium of twenty-five and fifteen dollars for accepted recruits.

J. B. FRY,
Provost Marshal General.

Lieut. Col. J. T. Averill, St. Paul:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.
Be fully prepared to commence the draft on the 10th of March, and to make it in every sub-district which shall not have raised its quota before March 1st.

Volunteers before March 1st and 10th, may be deducted after the draft commences.

J. B. FRY,
Provost Marshal General.

Lieut. Col. J. T. Averill, St. Paul:

WASHINGTON, March 3.
Congress has extended the time for paying the extra bounty to April 1st, 1864.

J. B. FRY,
Provost Marshal General.

In reference to this last dispatch the Press says, "We can hardly be mistaken in saying that in consequence of this extension of time for paying the \$500 bounty, the time for making the draft will be correspondingly extended by the President. Otherwise the action of Congress would be virtually a dead letter."

Since the above was in type the following has been received:

WASHINGTON, March 4.
Lieut. Col. John T. Averill, A. A. P. M. G.
Orders requiring the draft on the tenth instant are suspended. A subsequent day for commencing the draft will be announced in time to make all necessary preparations. Notify the Governor.

J. B. FRY,
Provost Marshal General.

Republican Union Convention.

Abraham Lincoln Recommended for Nomination at the Baltimore Convention.

Names of Delegates Appointed.

The Convention convened at Jagersoll's Hall at 11 o'clock A. M., on the 21st inst. A full delegation from every county in the State was present and the perfect good feeling and harmony which prevailed throughout the whole proceedings augur success for the Union cause in Minnesota next fall.

THE PLATFORM.

The following platform offered by R. J. Baldwin, of Hennepin county, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this Convention invites all citizens of Minnesota, irrespective of their political antecedents, who are in favor of the suppression of the rebellion, and the maintenance of the Federal Union, to unite in the support of the candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, who shall be nominated at the National Convention to be held in the city of Baltimore on the 7th day of June next.

Resolved, That we will deplore the necessity of war, and would had the advent of peace, and the use of the peaceful means of ourselves and our posterity of maintaining freedom and constitutional Government, required that the war should be waged until armed rebellion shall be crushed.

Resolved, That whatever terms of pardon or restoration may be granted to those who have been engaged in rebellion, no rights or guarantees should be restored to slavery which have been forfeited or destroyed by rebellion and war.

Resolved, That we must heartily endorse the great measures inaugurated by the National Administration for the suppression of the rebellion, the perpetuity of the Union, and the extinction of slavery, and we recommend the nomination of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States for the next Presidential term.

Resolved, That this Convention protests against the repeal of the Homestead Law, or any change therein which shall strip the privilege now granted to the people to secure free homes on the public domains.

Resolved, That every citizen of Minnesota who has been engaged in the military service of the Government merits the deepest gratitude of the people; and while we hold sacred the memory of the dead, we tender to the living our thanks.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of eight delegates to the National Convention, electing four from each Congressional District and electing by ballot. The balloting resulted in the election of the following delegates and alternates:

DELEGATES.
Thomas Simpson, of Winona.
W. G. Butler, of Wright.
Daniel Cameron, of Houston.
Chas. M. Bailey, of Ramsey.
Clas Taylor, of Rice.
John McKenney, of Stillwater.
D. G. Shillock, of Brown.
Warren Bristol, of Goodhue.

ALTERNATES.
Thos. H. Armstrong, of Olmsted, for Mr. Simpson.
A. R. Kiefer, of Ramsey, for Mr. Bailey.
Geo. Mitchell, of St. Cloud, for Mr. Butler.
Mr. Robinson, of Dakota, for Mr. Bristol.
Geo. F. Potter, of Houston, for Mr. Cameron.
Geo. Watson, of Ramsey, for Mr. Taylor.
D. R. Freeman, or Mr. Shillock.
R. Shillock, for Mr. McKenney.

—Michigan has filled her quota.

The equality of the Central Republican man seems to have been a very little disturbed by the exposure, which we made a few weeks since, of the tricks which certain Journalists resort to in order to gain a little notoriety. In his reply, after reiterating with characteristic modesty, a little "pull" which the Pioneer condescended to bestow upon it in consideration of the said Republican's abusing Gov. Miller at the time of his nomination; about "our own opinions" which we fearlessly utter "see," he says: "We have heard more than one reader of the Pioneer express the wish that there was ambition enough." We are truly sorry Mr. Republican that we cannot sorry the complacent, since you evidently expected it. We have never seen more than one reader of the Republican. The fact is we have never seen even one reader of that detectable sheet. But if there is, as your article insinuates, a poor demented human being on earth outside of the mad house who is accustomed to read with interest the sickly, vaporous, second-hand blackguardism with which your columns are filled, and which you with great glibness, copying the puff of the Pioneer as aforesaid, which was given for the consideration of the said, denominated "our own opinions fearlessly uttered," all we can say is, Heaven pity him!

LOGS, LUMBER AND THE LUMBER TRADE.

The lumber trade opens unusually early this season, and prices are being offered which augur good returns to our lumbermen. Several weeks since, Mr. E. W. Deane of this city sold a log raft of 675,000 feet, being at Du Lake, at \$16.00 cash.

Although not many purchasers have yet appeared in person in this market, bids and orders by letters are ever sold in this city to go to Chicago, Ill., was contracted for of Messrs. Hoxsey, Starks & Hale during the past week. It is to contain 700,000 feet of lumber at \$17.50 per thousand, delivered here. Sixty thousand dollars was paid in cash to bind the bargain.

Five pulpits this city on last Sunday delivered which were laid up last fall. They were, Messrs. Deane, Rhodes, Pease, Conn and Hoxsey. We notice on the streets quite a number of men from the woods. The hard log season may be regarded as closed for want of snow, except upon the upper rivers.

RETURNED SOLDIERS.

Captain Joseph Sinclair.
1st Lieut. Wm. M. May.
1st Sergeant—David Lord.
Sergeants—George A. Oliver,
P. Connor,
John E. Stevens.
Corporals—Patrick Pailhies,
Adolphus C. Hopes,
F. G. Blanchard,
Charles J. Datta.
Privates—John Anderson,
John S. May,
George Arnold,
P. Bernds,
Daniel Butler,
James Cleary,
Albert Coughlin,
John S. Darns,
John S. Goff,
Henry Goodman,
Charles Hammond,
Peter Hall,
Martin Henry,
George H. Ker,
Wm. Kelly,
Wm. A. Morgan,
T. L. McKelvey,
L. W. Snow,
Joseph Walsh,
Musicians—Andrew Connolly.

SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.

Sergeant John D. Desmarre, of Harrisburg, Pa.
Corporal Edwin Wells, of Providence R. I.
Private Wm. H. Anker, of New York.
Private Albert Scherer, of Convent Camp, Alexandria, Va.
Private Adam Martz, of Philadelphia, Pa.
Private Fredrick Martz, of Philadelphia, Pa.
Private Eric Nystradt, of New York.
Private B. Carlsberg, of New York.
Private M. W. Edwards, of New York.
Private J. A. Tanner, of New York.

LIST OF BATTLES.

Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861.
Ball's Bluff, Va., Oct. 21, 1861.
Sage of Yorktown, Va., April 1862.
West Point, Va., May 7, 1862.
Fair Oaks, Va., May 31 and June 1, 1862.
Peach Orchard, Va., June 29, 1862.
Savage Station, Va., June 29, 1862.
Glendale, Va., June 30, 1862.
White Oak Swamp, Va., June 30, 1862.
Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862.
Fair Oaks, Va., August 5, 1862.
Ball Run, Va., August 29, 1862.
Vienna, Va., September 2, 1862.
Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.
Charleston, Va., Oct. 16, 1862.
Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862.
Friedrichsburg, Va., May 3, 1863.
Haymarket, Va., June 25, 1863.
Gettysburg, Pa., July 2 and 3, 1863.
Bristow Station, Va., Oct. 13, 1863.
Mine Run, Va., November 27, 1863.

The following is a list of those soldiers belonging to Company B, who have died in the service.

Corporal Wm. S. Peterson died of wounds received at the first Bull Run.
Corporal Oscar L. Comman killed at Antietam.
Private John F. Goudry killed at Antietam.
Private Wm. F. Bates " Gettysburg.
Private August Keonig, " do.
Private S. D. Nickerson " do.
Private Charles H. Gore died of wounds received at Gettysburg.
Private Ole Thompson died of wounds received at Gettysburg.
Private Charles F. Hawley died of disease at Washington.
Private Joseph Older died of disease at Fort Monroe.
Miss Muller killed at Gettysburg, (Captain Co. E).

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND FOR SALE.

Gov. Brown, of Georgia, has ordered all citizens of that State south of the Chattahoochee river, and Gen. Joe Johnston has repeated the injunction. This stream runs through Georgia nearly as far in the interior as Atlanta. This looks as if it was the intention to evacuate all Northern Georgia.

NEWS ITEMS.

—A young Englishman was sworn in at New Haven last week who was one of the famous "six hundred" immortalized by Tennyson.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.—A document gotten up by slaveholders in 1776, for the express purpose of exciting an "irrepressible conflict" between themselves and their slaves, and to prove that all men are born free, &c.—especially those that were born slaves.

—Of Gen. McClellan's report, the Cincinnati Gazette speaks in no smooth terms: "It is the whimpering plea of a lubberly lub, accusing others of the nuisance in which he has been detected. It is no military report. No such document ever emanated from a soldier. And it is false as a military history."

—A Washington dispatch of the 1st inst. says:

"The President returned the Lieutenant General Bill with his signature to the House to-day, and sent the nomination of Gen. Grant as Lieutenant General to the Senate, which took no action upon it to-day's Executive Session."

—Fifty-two of the Union officers who escaped from the Libby Prison have now arrived within our line.

—The legislature adjourned on Friday last having enacted 65 General Laws, 109 Special Laws, 23 Memorials, and 7 Joint Resolutions—224 in the aggregate.

—An English writer says of Henry Ward Beecher: "He is a host when there is any earnest work to be done—none of your soft, satin velvety, conciliating, polished old fogies like Everett, but an intellectual rhinoceros whose terrible horn and snout make the common cattle stand around—an inviolable deity of Divinity with a ram at both ends and guns pointing each way charged with Greek fire."

—Rev. Father Chiquiquy, formerly a Catholic Priest in Detroit, Mich., but recently converted to protestantism, has been lecturing in Detroit against Popery and its influences. On the afternoon of Feb. 25th, the church in which Father C. was delivering his lectures, was visited by an infuriated mob, who demolished the windows, and played havoc with the building generally.

New Advertisements.

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Repairs Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Lamps,
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Physician and Surgeon,
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June 31, 1862.

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Physician and Surgeon,
OFFICE in Holcomb's new stone building,
on stairs, Main street, Stillwater,
Main street, residence, corner of Cherry and
Fourth streets.

Wm. M. McCLUVER,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Office in Murdoch Block, Block,
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Stillwater, Minnesota.

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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
CLAIM AGENTS,
OFFICE on the second floor of the
building occupied by Proctor & Bro.,
Main street, Stillwater, Minnesota.
We will pay particular attention to the
presentation of claims for pension, back
pay and homestead before the department at
Washington.

HOLLIS R. MURDOCK,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
and General Agent, Stillwater, Minnesota.
Stillwater, April 30, 1861.

FAIRBANKS'
STANDARD
SCALES
OF ALL KINDS,
No. 12, Warehouse Trucks, Let-
ter Presses, &c.,
FAIRBANKS, GREENLEAF & CO.,
42-44 Central street, St. Paul, Minn.

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FURNITURE DEALER,
Main Street, Stillwater, Minnesota.
ELEGANT, Medium and Plain Household
Furniture, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c.

DAVID MEAD,
Boot and Shoe Maker,
MAIN ST., STILLWATER,
IS prepared to make everything in the Boot
and Shoe line in a superior and elegant
manner. Particular attention paid to repair-
ing.
Jan. 21, 1863-7

C. De MONTREVILLE, M. D.,
DENTIST
Office on Third Street, first building West of
the Post Office,
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.
On the first Monday and Tuesday of each
month Dr. De Montreville will be at the Saw-
yer House, and attend to any dental operations
required.
Jan. 12, 1863-7

WESTING & TORINUS,
Respectfully ask the public of Stillwater and
the St. Croix Valley to examine their
New Goods and Prices,
as the Goods have been purchased with cash
and at a favorable stage of the market. They
will therefore sell as cheap as any Sound House
in the State, and will warrant every article sold.
April 25, 1863-4

REMOVAL.
CABLE & CO. have removed their stock of
Clothes, Linens, &c. from Holcomb's
Block, to the north end of the Lake House,
July 13, 1862.

A. VAN VORHES,
GENERAL LAND AGENT,
Will select land for Emigrants, locate
Land Warrants, and secure pre-emption
rights and attend to all business connected
with a General Land Agency. Office opposite
the Post Office.

GARDEN SEEDS, Briggs & Bro's, Wash-
ster, just received by express.

PROSPECTUS.

1864.

THE ST. PAUL

PRESS,

Daily, Tri-Weekly & Weekly.

Is universally admitted to be the

Best Newspaper Published

Northwest of Chicago.

By its general, far-reaching and consistent advocacy of the

great principles for which the Abolitionists of the Union are

contending against the hosts of Slavery, and by its superior

enterprise as a Newspaper it has, in the third year

of its publication, reached a circulation DOUBLE THAT

OF ANY OTHER JOURNAL IN THE STATE.

The circulation of the Press is such that it is calculated

in the approaching Presidential Campaign of 1864—the result of which will decide whether Slavery

shall be abolished, shall prevail with her infernal

aid, or to generate a new progeny of

National crime and disaster—demanded that an increased

effort be put forth to extend the circulation of the

Press.

Minnesota can be carried next fall by a majority of

50,000 votes for the twin cause of FREEDOM AND

THE UNION, if in every city town and ward the reser-

ves be at once begun by persuading every intelligent

voter to

Take the Press.

Every Republican and Union man should

Take the Press.

Because it is the only Republican and reliable Union

Journal published in the capital.

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Take the Press.

Because it is the champion of Telegraphic, General

State, Local and Commercial News, in the extent, variety

and interest of its contents, and the only Journal

in the State which is published in the best and most

reliable and trustworthy manner.

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EXCITING NEWS.

Suspicious Movements of Secession

Refugees—Importation of

Arms into Canada—Another

Rebel Plot.

From the Detroit Advertiser, March 8.

The number of secession refugees,

from the North and the South, now in

Canada is several thousand, who, when

consolidated and organized, would con-

stitute a very effective fighting force,

were it not that the scarcity of arms in

Canada forms a serious obstacle to the

proper equipping.

The exportation of arms from the United

States is prohibited by the existing

military regulations, and accordingly a

wholesome system of smuggling is car-

ried on, by which small arms are carried

into Canada. The common method of

avoiding the vigilance of the officers on

both sides of the river is by concealing

a large number of arms in a herding bag

with several layers of berrings. As

there is no duty on this fish, and a sense

of the general indifference to the pres-

ence of an apparent laboring man with a

herding bag, freighted with fish and

weapons, easily crosses without molesta-

tion. Many refugees are bought for

this purpose of returned soldiers, and

eventually find their way into the hands

of those who were and are the deadliest

enemies of their original owners. An

occasional musket or gun is conveyed

across by some one claiming to be a

brief hunting excursion for pleasure.

The repairing and refitting of these guns

are done at a little smithy near the Har-

bor House. The weapons are then dis-

tributed among trusty men, and they go

off by squads to the East—few at a time,

so as not to attract attention. By various

routes and means they cross over into

the States, generally choosing some

place in these sections, and where a

less vigilant watch is kept than in this

section. Once in our boundary lines,

they quickly rendezvous at different sta-

tions in Southern Illinois and Indiana,

where associations are now and have

been forming to co-operate with these

traitors.

The design of these movements is in

the spring to open a fire in the rear, by

raising the standard of armed disaffec-

tion in these sections, and this distract-

ing the attention and dividing the

strength of our armies in the front. In

fact, advice from that section already

reported the commencement of the

hostilities by outlaws and desperadoes.

On Monday last a squad of Federal sol-

diers was fired upon while quietly pass-

ing along the streets of Paris, Edgar

county, Illinois, by a party of ruffians

concealed in an old stable. The soldiers

charged upon the building and lost one

of their number. His murderer, how-

ever, was shot in thirteen different

places, and the whole gang arrested.

They were found to number about fifty,

and evidently expected a serious distur-

bance.

This is undoubtedly but the com-

mentence of a series of similar affairs

in that section, which will be called up

by the military intelligence from the various regiments

The Eagle of the Eighth.

A correspondent of the Viroqua

Times gives the following interesting

particulars of the Eagle, "Old Abe," of

the English regiment.

Old Abe is an intelligent bird and un-

derstands himself. When at liberty to

go where he pleases, the soldier's tent is

his favorite resort. If any live chickens

are in sight, he is sure to pounce on one,

seizing it with one claw and holding off

on the other with the aid of his wings.

Old Abe, we are sorry to say, is quite a

thief. There is one favorite dog in the

regiment with which the Eagle keeps on

good terms. They will both eat together

at the beginning of a meal, but toward

the close, as provisions grow scarce, the

Eagle will pitch into the dog and drive

him off. If a horse come within reach,

Mr. Eagle is sure to exhibit his superi-

ority over the quadruped creation, by

hopping onto the back and inserting his

talons in no very complimentary man-

ner.

Old Abe manifests his appreciation of

oratory in a very unique manner.

When a distinguished officer comes

along and addresses the troops, he joins

with the soldiers in their cheers. His

method of cheering is to spread his pin-

ions to their utmost extent, and then

jump up and down on his perch. This

mode of applause adopted by the Eagle

is said to be very inspiring to the or-

ator.

When the regiment is engaged in bat-

tle, Old Abe manifests the fiercest delir-

ium. At such a time he will always be

found in his appropriate place at the head

of company D. To be seen in all his

glory, he should be seen when the regiment

is engaged in the smoke of battle.

Then the Eagle, with spread pin-

ions, jumps up and down on his perch, utter-

ing such wild, fearful screams as an eagle

only can utter. The fiercer, wilder,

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THE SUPERFLUOUS MAN.

BY JOHN G. BAXX.

(It is accredited by inspection of the registers of

many countries, that the uniform proportion of male

female births is as 21 to 20; accordingly in respect

to marriage every 21st man is naturally superfluous.)

I have been puzzled to guess,

And so I have frequently said,

What the reason could really be

Local and Miscellaneous News.

A. B. EASTON, Editor.

Ladies, Attention!

The ladies of Stillwater are once more invited to assemble en masse at the Council Rooms in Holcomb's Block, on Wednesday, the 16th—2 1/2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing the propriety of responding, for Stillwater, to the call for contributions to the Sanitary Fair to be held in Saint Louis in May next.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather no meeting was held last Wednesday, and since the time of holding the Fair is so near at hand all ladies who are desirous of contributing to the cause are earnestly invited to be present at the meeting to-morrow, in order to make the necessary arrangements with as little delay as possible.

The Hudson Star says a Mr. Hartwell sent to that place last week eight pounds of trout, taken from the Kinnikinnick.

We learn that there is quite a number of cases of measles in town and vicinity, but have not heard of only a single case proving fatal.

E. B. WHITCHER, formerly of the Sawyer House in this city, has entered into partnership with the well known circus man, CASSELL, and is training his animals preparatory to a summer tour.

The Prescott Journal says that Capt. Jewett has commenced work on the new H. S. Allen. She is to be repaired and refurnished, and will be completed by the time the ice is out.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Hartwood, an extensive dealer in Stoves, Tin Ware, &c., located on Third Street, St. Paul. He is also the sole agent for the celebrated Stove work, which is admitted by all who have tested it to be the best stove in existence.

SUPPORT HOME MANUFACTURES.—There is a strong prejudice against articles of American manufacture, and justly, too, in many cases, but not so with DeLaford & Co's Chemical Salvers. This is the best article in existence for cooking purposes, yet many families are using English soap, when this salvers is much better, and by using it you are patronizing home production. For sale at Schupp's.

On another page of this paper will be found an advertisement of the People's Provision Company, dealers in the celebrated Professor Liebig's Essential Coffee, said to be the most healthy, economical and delicious preparation of coffee in the world. It is much cheaper than ordinary Java Coffee. Some of our dealers are supplying themselves with it. It can be had at KATZBERG'S and SCHUPP'S.

Capt. A. J. VAN VOIRIE, the former editor of this paper, has been in town for a few days. He is now stationed at Fort Riley, probably at his own request, as the Captain entertains a warm regard for that delightful locality, around which a thousand pleasant memories float. From the circumstance of his having been Indian-bound at that time, he is not a little interested in the movement of the Sioux nation. He intends to locate there for "three years or during the pleasure of the commanding General."

Snow.—A heavy fall of snow commenced on Tuesday evening of last week, continuing without a moment's cessation for more than twenty-four hours. The weather during the whole time was quite moderate, and the snow melted so rapidly that it is difficult to estimate the amount that fell. It had a tendency to render the roads, for a few days, of such a nature as would "fight the foot of fear." McCLELLAN—similar, we suppose, to the style of roads he so often speaks of in his report, as "unprecedentedly bad."

DESKETER NABBED.—Our active Assistant Provost Marshal, Mr. SKYRER, arrested a deserter at Sunrise on the 7th inst., a member of the Ninth Minnesota. His name is JEREMIAH DESKETER. He enlisted at St. Anthony at the time of formation of the regiment, deserted last November and slipped for Canada, but shortly came into Northern Wisconsin, and returned to this vicinity during the winter, and was engaged at lumbering on Keule River in the employ of Mr. FORSTIN, where he passed under the name of GRANT HALL.

ESTIMATE OF LUMBERING OPERATIONS.—The La Crosse Republican claims to have obtained the correct estimates of the extent of the lumbering business on the Mississippi and its tributaries during the winter, and gives the following as the amount of logs that will be got out the present spring:

On the Upper Mississippi..... 40,000,000
On the St. Croix..... 30,000,000
On the Chippewa..... 80,000,000
On the Black River..... 50,000,000
On the Wisconsin..... 80,000,000

Total..... 280,000,000
Of this amount the Republican says more than one-half the logs will be manufactured into lumber on the streams where they are cut, and about one-third will be required for consumption in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

RAISING EARLY POTATOES.—Sprouting the seed is now universally practiced wherever early maturity is desired. This is done in the following manner:

An air, light room or loft, with windows to be closed in severe weather, has tiers of shelves filling up all its available space. These are often, from lack of room, too close to each other, and a foot from shelf to shelf may be a good storage distance. In these shelves the seed is carefully placed, one at each end. With a due supply of light and air and the occasional removal of any tuber showing signs of disease they may remain till planting time comes. The great object is to secure strong, healthy and well-colored shoots, about two inches in length, the neglect of ventilation and a proper amount of light producing weak, colorless shoots, liable to injury in removing them, and to decay when planted. The earliest crops are now invariably grown from sprouted seed, and they are drawn at least a good fortnight in advance of former years when autumn planting was the rule.—*Journal of Horticulture.*

LOUIS TORRENS, of the firm of WESTON & TORRENS, leaves to-day for the east.

Stillwater Ready for the Draft.

From a table of the Quotas, Credits and Debts of all the towns in the Second Congressional District, furnished by the Adjutant-General, it will be seen that Stillwater has furnished eighteen men over and above her quota, and like the inhabitants of some far distant and obscure country, which A. W. WARD speaks of in one of his lectures, there is general disposition among our people just at this particular time to see the draft rigidly enforced.

The town of Afton, as usual, is the banner town of the county, having furnished 63 men, while her quota is only 42—being an excess of 21 men. All honor to glorious Afton! Her people, too, are not treated with any unusual apprehensions in regard to the draft.

The little town of Dayton seems to be hopelessly in the shade, her deficiency being greater than that of any other town in the county—13 men; while her quota is only 40. The Baytowners, however, claim that justice has not been done them in the way of credits—that a large number of men from that place have been improperly credited to other towns; or in other words that Stillwater and some other towns have managed to get the inside track by doing the hardest sweating, &c.

The other deficiencies are as follows: Denmark 3; Greenfield 2; Wayne 10; Woodbury 8.

We learn that the Adjutant-General has now completed his work in this matter, and the whole business will hereafter be in the hands of the Provost Marshal, with whom the towns will have to deal in future.

ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE.—The editor of the Minneapolis Atlas has been shown a specimen of nettle, indigenous to the "Big Woods," and which is found there in enormous quantities, which, it is claimed by the experimenter, Mr. RICHARD CHUTE of St. Anthony, will become a rival to both wool and cotton.

CHUTE took some samples of the fiber to the east and had scientific experiments applied with the most gratifying results. He ascertained that it could not only be easily carded and manufactured separately into cloth, but that it could readily be cottonized, and mixed with either wool or cotton in the manufacture of finer fabrics. The plant grows from three to six feet in height. The Atlas is sanguine that the discovery will eventually prove of great value to the "North Star State."

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Towns not to be Drafted for their Full Deficiency.

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We present below a statement showing Minnesota's debtor and credit account with the United States, from the commencement of the war:

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Total quotas..... 8,474 8,269 17,043

Number men furnished up to March 1st, 1864..... 7,495 14,926
Still to be furnished, 1864..... 891 2,117
As a large number of towns have furnished a considerable excess, it is obvious that if the towns which are deficient should be called upon for the full number the State should furnish more than 2,117 men, the number required. The township excesses stand—

First District..... 783
Second District..... 644
These excesses are to be distributed among the towns of the district in proportion to the deficiencies, and then only a sufficient number will be drafted to fill the quota of the State. This plan will not work to the detriment of the towns which have furnished an excess, their excess is not given to the deficient towns, but simply loaned, and if another draft is ordered they will receive credit for their present surplus, while the deficient towns will be called upon for what they fail to furnish now, besides their additional proportion under a new call.

Taking the excesses given above, as the basis, it has been ascertained that thirty-eight per cent. in the First District, and forty-two in the Second, deficiency, as given in the Adjutant-General's statement, will leave a sufficient balance to fill the State quota. Any town can readily ascertain how many men will be required by subtracting thirty-eight or forty-two per cent, according to the Congressional district in which it is located, from the number which it is now deficient.

Because the deficient towns obtained temporary relief from the patriotism of their neighbors, it will not be advisable for them to relax any effort to fill their entire quota, as another call, which is already foreboded in our disunion, will place them in a position to place them upon their own resources, and they would then be required to atone for past neglect.

The Government has sent two Commissioners to Halifax to secure the Chesapeake prizes, under the extradition treaty.

How Col. Hobart Escaped.

The Washington correspondent writes to the Janesville Gazette some facts in regard to the escape of Lt. Col. HARRISON C. HOBART, of the Twenty-first Wisconsin, from Liberty Prison, which he had from the gallant Colonel himself. He writes:

Colonel Hobart acknowledges himself indebted to a negro for his escape. He is loud in his praise of the sagacity, kindness and fidelity of his sable deliverer. Early in his pilgrimage he encountered rebel pickets, he had strayed away from his fellows, and not knowing the country, or what dangers he might encounter, he determined upon a little strategy. Meeting a negro, he attempted to pass himself off as a confederate officer to avoid suspicion, and learn what he could in regard to the country, the location of rebel troops, and the position of sentinels. The darkey was too shrewd for him, and pointing his finger to his mouth, as such as to say, "mum," said he, "you can't find this child," "I know you," "come in here," pointing to his cabin, "wait a while and I will pilot you outside the lines." He did so, and after traveling seven miles in all the byways and lanes necessary to avoid the watchful sentinels, he told him he was safe, and bade him God speed. In every instance they found the negro "true as steel," and always ready to help them on their way.

Read this from the copperhead Chicago Times.

General Seymour at Olmsted was defeated by the cowardice of the negro troops, and by superior force.

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On the first Monday and Tuesday of each
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House, and attend to any dental operations
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Jan. 12, 1863-7.

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Respectfully ask the people of Stillwater and
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as the Goods have been purchased with cash
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in the State, and will warrant every article sold.

April 28, 1863-1864.

REMOVAL.

CARLI & CO. have removed their stock of
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Block, to the north end of the Lake House.
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GENERAL LAND AGENT.

Will select land for Emigrants, locate
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MY LITTLE DAUGHTER—SLEEPING.

BY C. D. REAGAN.

Soft be thy pillow, my darling,

That bears thee in slumber to-night;

Sweet be thy dreams, till the morning

Wakes thee to a fairer delight.

My precious, my innocent darling,

My loving, my beautiful one;

God keep thee from sickness and sorrow

Till life's little journey is done.

What were the light of the morrow,

If thou shouldst not waken again—

What but a cloud and a tempest,

And sadness, and anguish and pain?

The curls on thy brow are our sunshine;

The light of thine eyes is our joy.

The smile on thy lip brings us gladness,

And pleasure unimpeded with alloy.

Surely the angels, my darling,

Will watch thee in waking and sleep,

And God in his infinite goodness,

The way of thy footsteps will keep;

Tenderly, lovingly, benignly,

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Rules for the Preservation of Health.

Wash yourself now and then.

Change your inner garments occasion-

ally.

Chew your meat; eschew greasy

graves.

Don't chew your tobacco.

Drink as little as you choose.

Don't eat much more than your stom-

ach will hold.

Keep your temper.

Temper your keep.

If a soldier, don't rest upon your laurels

until they are well aired.

Avoid falling out about trifles.

Fall out of windows as seldom as possi-

ble.

If your constitution requires you to

sleep during the season, see that the sec-

tion has an aired night-cap for you, and

a hot brick to put to your feet.

Keep your mouth shut on a dusty

day.

Never open your mouth in frosty

weather.

Close your mouth very tight when the

wind blows from the east.

If your business compels you to go

out before breakfast, have some break-

fast first.

If it is wet under foot, house your poor

feet.

Beware of the ices of Summer and

the snows of Winter.

Do not swallow too many telegrams.

Keep out of the streets when gold is

falling.

If the silver of advancing years is on

your head, don't change it for paper.

Don't let your circulation slacken;

especially if you are a newspaper man.

Use tooth-powder instead of gunpow-

der.

Neither sleep in hot rooms nor eat

meat.

Live on six nickel cents a day, but

don't earn them, as some wretched spec-

ulators are doing now.

Partake sparingly of wild fowl—par-

ticularly of the "canards" that com-

from the army.

Violate, persistently, all the sanitary

rules insisted on by *Hall's Journal of*

Health.

If you cannot account for the milk in

the ocean, do not hesitate to make

free use of it.

Use your own words, unless you

are madly desirous of giving an addi-

tional flavor to the cup of bitterness.

Should your thermometer indicate an

extreme degree of cold or heat, immerse

it in cold or hot water, until it arrives at

a proper degree of its duty.

If you are subject to swelling, wear

kid gloves next to your skin.

Rise early, before you are twenty-five

years old.

Don't let your physique go to the dogs.

STILLWATER MESSENGER.

A. B. STICKNEY, EDITOR.

STILLWATER.

Tuesday, - - - March 22, 1864.

Charter Election.

The Annual Charter Election in this city is on the first Tuesday (5th) of April—two weeks from to-day.

The Annual School Meeting of the Stillwater City School District takes place on the last Saturday of March, which is next Saturday. At this meeting three members of the Board of Education are to be elected. Every citizen interested in Public Schools should be present. The meeting is in Mower's Block.

Important To Farmers.

One account of the vast numbers of men is required to fill up the ranks of the army, it has become a very serious matter of consideration how to obtain sufficient labor to continue the cultivation of the usual amount of land during the coming year. We frequently hear farmers say that they must reduce the area under cultivation, as it is impossible to obtain help to put in the crops.

Such a calamity must not be permitted if it is possible to avoid it, and among the thousand schemes which have presented themselves to our mind, none seem practicable unless it be to import help from the South. There is an abundance of it all through the rebellious States anxious to cultivate the fertile prairies of Minnesota for a less compensation than the agriculturists of this State can hope to get labor from another quarter.

Whereof, of course, to the negroes—both slave and free—and the Union white men that are escaping daily from the tyranny of rebellion and coming within the lines of the Union army where they are always burdened some unless furnished with employment must become a charge upon the Government.

We have seen it stated upon what we esteem perfectly reliable authority, that white refugees, destitute and helpless, are now landed at Cairo, Ill., at the rate of 2,000 per month, sent there by the military authorities, on Government transports and landed on the levees at all hours of the day and night. There they are left, shelterless and penniless. Nearly all are anxious to get into the rural districts, where they can find homes and make an honorable livelihood by their labor. Probably about one tenth of the whole number are able-bodied men capable of performing the heaviest farm labor.

By concerted action the farmers of this valley could, at a slight individual expense, send an agent to this or some other point, and simply themselves with all the help they may require at very low figures.

Is not this a scheme worth considering.

There was a little scheme carried through the last Legislature by a set of unprincipled politicians, headed by Mr. Langley of Dakota county, backed up by a part of the Ramsey delegation in which this county is directly interested to the tune of several thousand dollars, since it will probably cost us that amount without being of any advantage whatever. We refer to the revival and re-connection of the Cannon Falls road, leading from Hastings to St. Paul through the counties of Washington and Ramsey.

As this bill has become a law and of course can not be affected by any thing which we can say, we should be inclined to remain silent but we do not esteem it our duty to expose the underhanded knavery by which it was carried. The bill was introduced under the very misleading title of "an act to construct a State road from St. Paul to Hastings in Dakota county."

As St. Paul is located on the line of Ramsey and Dakota counties it would be very easy to understand from such a title that it was designed to locate the road in Dakota county rather than simply to draw the sense of the Legislature to be that Hastings is in Dakota county. This understanding of the question would become the more irresistible upon reflection that the scholastic attainments of a majority of the members would not be equal to the decision of so abstract a geographical question as the latter and it appears the real meaning of the title would be. Under this title the bill setting forth the astounding fact that "Hastings is in Dakota county," laying out a State Road and providing that the counties through which it should pass must pay the bills, was smuggled through the House; but fearing the sharper eyes of the Senate chamber might pierce the disguise and discover the real intention of the scheme, the "honorable" gentlemen who had the matter in charge contrived to keep it from being read in the Senate until midnight of the last day of the session when he hoped, in the confusion and hur-

ry, it would pass in *coy.* as it had through the lower House, and to make success more certain an apparently disinterested Senator was procured to call up the bill on its passage. By accident the fraud was discovered, but too late to prevent its passage.

This in short is the history of the bill as we understand it. It is a gross fraud from its inception and the trickery to which the honorable Senator from Dakota County condescended in order to gain a little local popularity entitles him to the contempt of all who despise the knavish practices of political demagogues.

A Call for More Troops.

Since the last issue of the *Messenger* the following dispatch has been received at St. Paul:

Gen. J. T. Axtell:

Washington, March 15, '64.

The President of the United States has made a call for two hundred thousand (200,000) men, in addition to the call of Feb. 1st, '64, for five hundred thousand (500,000). The quota will be two-fifths (2/5) of the quota of five hundred thousand (500,000) subject to addition for deficiencies and deduction for excesses on that quota. As soon as practicable you will be informed of the number required from each District of your State. Notify the Governor immediately.

J. B. FRY.

Protest Marshal General.

The quota of the State under this call is 2,180 men, and of this city, as nearly as can be estimated, thirty-three. We now have a credit on the Adjutant General's books, over and above all previous quotas, of eighteen, which leaves us fifteen men yet to raise to be beyond the terms of the draft.

We have no information as to how soon the quotas must be filled in order to avoid a draft, but it is the general opinion that only a very short time will be allowed. It is thought best therefore to make an effort to raise our quota by voluntary enlistments, no time should be lost. Had the City Council one month ago, offered a bounty of one hundred dollars to each volunteer the quota could easily have been filled, now it will probably become difficult.

We will not urge the matter of paying city troops. Personally, we are indifferent whether the City quota be filled by volunteers or by conscripts. But we very much dislike the temper of our citizens if a very large majority could not much prefer paying liberal bounties to taking their chances at the turning of the wheel.

We have heard it proposed to call a special election to vote a tax to raise bounties, under the provisions of the act of the last Legislature which was published early in the last *Messenger*. But upon examination of that act we think it will generally be conceded that it does not authorize any such proceeding. The purpose of that law was to legalize the past actions by towns, cities, &c., in raising bounty money, and not to authorize such action in future.

It seems to us very clear that if any action is taken in the matter the City Council must assume the responsibility and trust to future legislation to legalize their acts.

Since the above was written the President's proclamation, to which Col. Fry's dispatch refers, has been published:

"The 15th day of April, 1863, is designated as the time up to which the numbers required from each ward of a city, town, &c., may be raised by volunteer enlistments, and drafts will be made in each ward of a city, town, &c., which shall not have filled the quota assigned to it within the time designated, for the number required to fill said quota."

The draft will be commenced as soon after the 15th of April as practicable. The Government bounties as now paid will continue until April 1st, 1864, at which time the additional bounties cease. On and after that date, one hundred dollars bounty only will be paid as provided by the act approved July 23d, 1861.

A Loyal German on the Presidency.

The baseless fabrications of the Copperhead press that the loyal Germans were determined to insist upon the nomination of General Fremont as the Union candidate for the Presidency, and that they will accept no other, are rapidly being disproved. The Germans will never assist, directly or indirectly, in fastening a Copperhead Administration upon the country.

This opinion is fully sustained by a letter which we find published in the Belleville (Ill.) *Advocate*, from Mr. G. C. Eisenmeyer, a prominent and intelligent citizen of St. Clair county.

After denying that the Germans intend, by the Union Convention, if they do not succeed in securing the nomination of Gen. Fremont—to whom he pays a deserved and glowing compliment—Mr. Eisenmeyer says:

"For my own part, as well as a great portion of Germans, allow me to say that Abraham Lincoln is our first choice. Abraham Lincoln is our second choice, and Abraham Lincoln is our third choice. But whether Lincoln or not, there must be no division in the freedom loving Union ranks. There is no time to be lost for compromises and clerkships. We must all act together and support the nominee, whoever

he may be, regardless of private feelings, interests and opinions. There is a larger ahead, and we must try to meet it like men, and perform these duties we owe to ourselves and to posterity with a willing heart and a determined mind. The Copperheads will doubtless set in their platforms anti-slavery resolutions in order to catch disaffected Republican votes. They will spare neither time nor money to cause a division in the Union party, and if they should succeed—which God forbid—we should be in 1865 where Buchanan left us in 1861—treason and slavery uppermost.

However, I feel in no wise despondent. Revolutions never go backward. The wheel of progress and a better understanding among mankind is going on, although some of us may not perceive it. All the blood and treasure spent in this great struggle for the rights of man will bear fruit, and the time is not far distant when this country will be under a better government, and more beneficial influences will work together for the elevation of the masses of mankind than in any other part of the globe. Let us thank God and take courage.

G. C. EISENMEYER.

Macomb, March 7, 1864.

Report of the North-Western Commission for Jan. and Feb., 1864.

A copy of the above Report has been laid upon our table, by which it appears that the Commission received, during the first two months of the year, 463 boxes of hospital supplies, and shipped 1,751, mostly to Cairo, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Vicksburg, Memphis, &c. The money receipts for the same time were \$779.03—the expenditures were \$15,985.54. Of this sum \$13,032.02 were expended for sanitary stores, such as green corn, crushed sugar, condensed soured, dried fruit, butter, vegetables, milk, bedding, &c., which were sent directly to the hospitals. Of the remainder, \$1472.70 were paid for matters connected with the Northwest Fair, and the balance, 1483.83 for rent, fuel, clerk hire, postage, agents in the field, and like necessary expenses.

The report calls most urgently for prompt and large shipments of vegetables, soured, pickles, dried fruit and other anti-scorbutics, to arrest the alarming progress of scurvy among General Grant's army. We beg that the call of the Commission may not be unheeded. The extensive prevalence of scurvy in the army will be more fatal to our men, more damaging to our arms, than the loss of a battle. We of the North have the remedy in our hands. Let every body set at work immediately, and for the coming month let us devote ourselves to forwarding vegetables and pickles to the veterans of Gen. Grant—the heroes of Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and a score other battles.

Three Goals for St. Paul.

The *Volunteer* published at Red Wing says "One hundred and six men of the Second Regiment are opposed in Red Wing over Sunday, on their way to the scene of conflict. The ladies, following the general impulses of their nature, provided them something to eat at Sterling Hall. When they left, Monday morning, they gave three cheers for Red Wing that will long be remembered."

But they expressed their sentiments for St. Paul in quite a different way. For that saintly city they gave three groans. Neither the 2d, nor the 3d Regiment like the manner of their reception at St. Paul.

Important Revenue Order.

The following important order has just been sent to each of the Collectors of Internal Revenue, from the Department at Washington:

Sir: You are hereby informed that the *Act to revise the Internal Revenue, and for other purposes*, has been approved by the President, and has therefore become a law. The net taxes effect from its passage, and I was approved March 7, 1864. The duties upon distilled liquors are increased to sixty cents per gallon, and the duty on certain tobacco is doubled.

You will therefore require all distillers of spirits, in making their returns, to specify the amount removed after the 31st inst., and on such amounts to pay the tax of 60 cents per gallon.

A copy of the law will be transmitted to you as early as day as possible, and will make no other change in your official action than to collect the increased duties above pointed out upon distilled spirits and upon cotton.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH J. LEWIS,

Commissioner.

To — — — Collector, &c.

Brown's BREVETED TUNES clear and give strength to the voice of Singers, and are indispensable to Public Speakers.

I recommend their use to Public Speakers.

They have suited my case, especially in relieving my throat and clearing the voice so that I could sing with ease.

T. DUCHAMPE.

Chorister French Parish Church, Montreal. Sold by all dealers in Medicines at 25 cents per box.

The Senate has passed—yeas 31, nays 6—a bill to equalize the pay of colored and white soldiers. This bill was originally reported, was a just measure, providing for paying colored troops their wages past due and withheld by the Government; but it met, in that shape, unaccountable and discordant opposition, and was finally recommended, and subsequently reported back to the Senate, how much it now amounts to we know not, but presume it is a half measure only. It will be the duty of the House to restore its original features.

Important to Gold Seekers.

Letter from Maj. Gen. Pope.

He Pronounces it unsafe for Idaho Emigrants to go in Advance of Gen. Sully's Expedition.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 13, 1864.

The indications of a heavy emigration to the mines of Idaho during the coming season, across the plains and by the Missouri river, seem to render it proper for the General Commanding this Department to publish some information and suggestions which emigrants will find judicious to consider carefully.

All information and every indication from the plains of the Upper Missouri point to a concentration of the poorest bands of the Flathead Indians, who were driven to the Upper Missouri by the expeditions of last year, with the Flathead and other strong bands at Teton Sioux south of the Missouri, to obstruct the navigation of that river and to resist the passage of emigrants across the upper plains.

It seems likely now that a concentration of these Indian tribes will be made early in the spring, at some point on the Missouri, above the mouth of Grand river.

A large force of cavalry, under Gen. Sully, will set out as soon as the grass on the prairie is sufficient to sustain the animals, and will give battle to the Indians, or force them to peace with them. Every expedition moves it will be unsafe for any steamer to pass up the Missouri river above Fort Pierre. The force under Gen. Sully, will be strong enough to beat the Indians if found concentrated on the river. If the Indians fail to make this concentration, heavy forces of cavalry will scour the country on both sides of the river, and after driving the Indians into the interior will pursue them during the summer, and either force a battle or a peace.

It is recommended, therefore, to emigrants by water, that they communicate with General Sully on the Upper Missouri river, and do not attempt to pass in advance of his forces until notified by him that it will be safe.

As possible of the boats carrying emigrants should go together, under some sort of organization, and be accompanied by a competent pilot, and there make reports of the boats, by plankmen, to the whole body under the direction of those quarters of the party most experienced in Indian warfare and travel on the plains. Not less than three hundred men in a body should attempt to cross the plains at present from any point on the Missouri river above Fort Pierre. It is hoped that by the middle of summer the difficult against the Indians will have been rendered the travel across any portion of the Upper Prairie as safe as travel usually is in the interior, where, under any circumstances, men should journey in considerable parties and with every precaution.

A large force will be sent out from Minnesota as early as possible in the spring for the Missouri river, near the mouth of Long Lake, as emigrants from that State can avail themselves of the protection of this force if they think it necessary.

The suggestions and this advice are communicated thus publicly that they may reach as many as possible of those who propose to emigrate to the gold regions during the coming summer.

It is essential to their security that they conceal these suggestions as far as possible. It is proper to repeat with emphasis that the country along the banks of the Missouri above Fort Pierre is not likely to be unsafe with Gen. Sully passes up.

(Signed) JOHN POPE,

Maj. Gen. U. S. A.,

Commanding Dept. Northwest.

NEWS ITEMS.

General Banks recently refused to deliver a political speech in New Orleans. Very sensible, General.

Mason and Slidell are about to embark in the blockade-running business.

The Arch Duke Maximilian is ready to go to Mexico to assume the reins of government.

The Quota for Michigan under all calls is full, with a surplus of seven hundred.

There are in Rhode Island thirteen fish-oil factories. The fisheries of that State are constantly increasing.

At the Danville (Va.) Female College the price of board for twenty weeks is five hundred dollars, or five barrels of flour.

A Danbury (Conn.) Irishman had varied experiences last week. He was married on Tuesday, went to jail on Wednesday, but got out, and on Thursday was run over by a wagon and instantly killed.

The journeyman piano makers in New York to the number of one thousand and two hundred are on a strike and out of work.

The New York barbers have "riz" to fifteen cents for shaving, and thirty-five cents each for hair cutting and shampooing.

Franz Joseph Fey, is the first woman in Germany who has received a license to practice "lesser surgery."

Gen. Hooker has been offered the command of any department he wants.

Lieutenant Colonel Sanderson is under arrest on a charge preferred by Col. Straight, for disclosing to the rebel authorities a plot of the Union prisoners to escape from Libby Prison. None of his friends have any doubt of his innocence.

A New York house has ordered 1,000 baskets of California Champagne; and a ship loaded with wine is coming round from San Francisco to New York.

The Washington National Monument Society has resuscitated itself sufficiently to re-elect its old officers.—Among the Vice President General Scott.

A tribe of dwarfs has been found in Africa, whose ears reach to the ground, and are so wide that when they lie down one ear serves as a mattress, the other as a covering.

Vermont has furnished two thousand and twenty-five more soldiers than have been required of her under all the calls thus far made.

John Minor Botts of Virginia has a contract to furnish two corps of the Army of the Potomac with wood. He furnishes 2,000 cords a month at four dollars a cord.

The census of Upper and Lower Canada, which has just been taken, gives the following results: Upper Canada 1,996,169; Lower Canada, 1,110,664—total, 3,106,833.

According to the *Mobile Tribune*, a correspondent of the *London Herald* is now in a place where the dogs won't bark at him, for putting his fingers in the pockets of a gentleman.

A strange disease has attacked the census of all the shores in Narragansett Bay, and persons have been made sick from eating them. There is a bitterness about them which renders them unpalatable.

In the United States Circuit Court, New York, Judge Shipman gave a number of persons charged with evading the Internal Revenue law the alternative of one day's imprisonment or a fine of sixty dollars. They of course chose the latter.

The capital expended in England on Railways to the present time has been upwards of £235,000,000 or nearly half the national debt. This amount has been devoted to the construction of 11,500 miles of railway in the British Islands, which are now open to traffic.

At the Washington Navy Yard, a day or two since, an iron plate six inches thick, made for one of the French ironclads, and sent here properly prepared to be tested, was broken into fragments at the first fire of one of our fifteen-inch guns.

Gen. W. F. Smith, sometimes called Gen. Baldy Smith, the officer who was once accused of real drunkenness, in an action on the Peninsula, in a Senate debate, and who has lately been serving under Gen. Hooker in the West, is now down with the Potomac army, and the general belief is that he is to have immediate command of it. He is only a Brigadier General, but General Grant is said to have specifically requested that he should be appointed to fill the vacant major-generalship in the regular army caused by his own promotion to the lieutenant-governorship.

Eliza P. Lowater has been confirmed as Postmaster at Red Wing.

Boston's Column.

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STILLWATER MESSENGER.

A. B. STICKNEY, EDITOR.

STILLWATER.

Tuesday, - - - March 23, 1864.

Remember one week from to-day is the city election. Every Union man should go to the polls.

A Word to Copperheads of Stillwater.

You are probably well aware that, on next Tuesday, there are to be elected in this city, a Mayor, one councilman, and several petty officials. The signs of the times clearly indicate that this election will be an epoch in your history. At the full election of the two hundred and fifty loyal soldiers, who have enlisted from this city, have a say in the matter, you are hopelessly in the minority and when they return to civil life, which will undoubtedly be before another election day comes round, you will occupy a like position at the charter election. This melancholy truth must weigh heavily upon your spirits, but the very desperation of your circumstances will sweeten the morsel of triumph, which it is not impossible you may now, by great effort, obtain. By all means, then, make the very most of the present occasion. Get together and make your own, instead of being out of your wits, when you see your triumph may be as palatable as possible, we advise you to place in nomination the loudest-mouthed traitors in your ranks—men who have boldly opposed the war and slandered its supporters both at home and in the field—men who make no secret of their admiration for Jeff Davis, except when a wholesome fear restrains their loquacity—men who laugh and chuckle over every disaster to our arms—and then, leave no stone unturned in your efforts to elect them, so that the humiliation of loyal citizens may, for once, be complete. Curb not a single traitorous instinct. Your future political damnation is already secured, and a little squeamishness of conscience should not be regarded.

More Light.

In our last number we published an article animadverting the act of the last Legislature, opening a "State road from St. Paul to Hastings in Dakota county." The merits of the act are not now in issue, and the design of that article was simply to explain the chicanery by which its passage was secured. In doing so we stated the facts fairly as we understood them. We have information, which we consider reliable, that the Senator from Dakota engineered them through the Senate, and, as Hastings is particularly interested in the success of the scheme, it was certainly very natural for the uninitiated to suppose him to be its real author. We have since been informed, however, that our suspicion in this regard was not literally true. Our informant states that the bill was drawn by Representative Fitz of Ramsey, at the request of the Representative from the southern part of this District.

Progress.

Those who have been in the habit of attending school meetings in this city and were present at the meeting last Saturday evening, were undoubtedly surprised to see so large a number of citizens present. We very well remember the time when it required a special effort to get a quorum at these meetings. Three years ago when the appointed time for commencing the meeting arrived, if our recollection serves us, only two individuals—the writer of this article and the District Clerk—were present, and it was only by making personal application to gentlemen on the streets that five more were induced to come in to make a quorum for transacting business.

Last Saturday evening there were at least one hundred present, and the great unanimity prevailed. Three members of the Board of Education were elected, and a special tax of \$1,200—sufficient to sustain the school for two months in the year—was voted without a dissenting voice.

Illinois is the banner State of the Union. Her quota under all the calls has been filled and she now has a total excess over every call, twelve thousand four hundred and thirty-six, besides re-enlisted veterans.

Jeff Davis has been ill. The Richmond papers say that his illness has assumed "a more favorable aspect." To Jeff himself or mankind?

Gracious Bids of Promise.

The Chicago Tribune, in one of its editorials, throws out a hint in regard to the purposes of the Copperheads. That paper says, "For several weeks past the Copperheads have been throwing out hints about 'arriving to resist the Abolitionists,' and talking of destroying Union newspapers by mob violence in case the soldiers should interfere with any more of Jeff Davis's newspapers in the North."

Most readers regard these mutterings as merely vapor or froth; but there is doubtless some thing at the bottom of this talk. It has not escaped vigilant eyes that great activity prevails among the K. G. C. The work of reorganizing the Castles has been going on vigorously and systematically since New Year. The recent collisions with the farunged soldiers in the central parts of Illinois, and the murder of several of them, show that the Knights are preparing for strife. When their preparations are completed, the match may be applied to the combustible material, and civil war inaugurated in our midst. The present employment of the Inner Circle of the Knights is to "fire the Democratic heart," and organize the corporals and captains of the party to strike when the signal is given. The desperate condition of their Southern brethren demands that some thing shall be done, and that quickly. The cry from the leaders of the rebellion to their Northern confederates is, "help us, Cassius, or we sink," and this help they are preparing to give."

Rules for the Redemption of Mutilated Postal Currency.

Postage currency can be exchanged if not mutilated, with any Assistant Treasurer or designated depository of the United States in sums not less than five dollars. Defaced notes, if whole, are not considered mutilated; nor is an evident accidental injury, not reducing the note by more than one-tenth its original size, regarded as mutilation. Mutilated fractional notes will be redeemed at the Treasury of the United States at Washington, under the following regulations, established as necessary guards against fraud and for the protection of the community:

1. Fragments of a note will not be redeemed unless it shall be clearly evident that they constitute one-half or more of one original note; in which case, however mutilated, will be redeemed in proportion to the whole note, reckoning by fifths.

2. Mutilations less than one-tenth will be disregarded unless fraudulent; but any mutilation which destroys more than one-tenth the original note, will reduce the redemption value of the note by one-fifth its face value.

3. Mutilated notes presented for redemption must be in sums not less than three dollars of the original full face value.

Aphasia.

That terrible though interesting disease, which results in the more or less complete loss of the power of speech, at length takes its nosological rank. After a long discussion between philologists as to the etymology of the word most proper to characterize the malady, the Greek word *aphasia* has been adopted by the medical school of Paris. The nature of the disease is well illustrated by the following:

Among the dozen authentic cases of *aphasia* on record, Dr. Roussieu related, at greater length than I can here give, the history of the following singular cases. A lady at Boulogne, who was noted for her vivacity, and especially for her sharpness of language, was seized suddenly with this disease. The circumstance was soon known throughout the city, and as she was detested by her servants and neighbors, her affliction was regarded as a punishment from heaven. Her servants were rejoiced, for she who had soiled and stormed so much was now reduced to the pronunciation of four words, and these four words, to add to the severity of her humiliation, were the most terrible oath in the French language, *S—n—de D.* No matter what she desired to say, even if it was some thing polite, nothing but these four terrible words could she get out of her mouth. So that at the end of a year of two she was known throughout the city by the sobriquet of *Madame S—n—de D.* During all this time she remained in perfect health, and conducted her affairs with the same intelligence as before.

A story is told by a distinguished American sculptor of the cool reception which his mother gave to his first attempt at the plastic art. It was the figure of a woman looking out upon the sea, as if trying to get a glimpse of the vessel which contained her husband. The figure was scarcely draped about the neck, which seems to be the only point which struck the good lady's attention. "Well, what do you think of her?" asked the eager expectant of a mother's praise. "I think," said the matron with decision, "that no decent woman would be seen out of doors in such a plight."

The total receipts of the Brooklyn Sanitary Fair were \$400,000.

A Novelty in the Musical World.

They had a grand affair at the inauguration of their first Free State Governor down in Louisiana. A writer in the N. Y. Times gives the following account of the musical feature of the ceremonies: When the prayer had been offered, Hail Columbia was performed in the following manner. First verse, full band, five hundred performers; 2d verse, full band and grand chorus by the ten thousand school children present; 3d verse, full band, grand chorus by the children, and a chime of all the bells in the city; 4th verse, full band, grand chorus, chiming of the bells, and a great gun accompanied by fifty pieces of artillery. It is certainly difficult to give the least idea of the grand effect of this climactic rendering of our grandest national air. Too much praise can not be bestowed upon Mr. Gilmore, the leader of the band, who rang the bells and fired the artillery by means of telegraphic wires which centered on the table before him. Not a mistake was made—the united voices sounded as one vast shout. Not a bell struck in the wrong time, not one piece of artillery was out of place. It was a magnificent musical demonstration and such had never been equaled until done so by the subsequent pieces which closed the ceremonies of this remarkable day.

It was some time before the delighted and astonished audience could control their feelings, and when silence was apparently restored, there would break out in some parts of the vast assemblage involuntary shouts of applause, which would be echoed back again, to be still again taken up by the children, who cheered, waved their handkerchiefs and little flags, until they seemed, up the sides of the amphitheater, like a lot of gigantic butterflies waving their gaudy wings to the ever joyous voices.

The high bounties for volunteers, now paid by Government, will cease on the 1st day of April.

Every recruit who would secure his "regular \$302" must be mustered in before midnight on Thursday next.

Church, the artist, enjoys the reputation—says a New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press—not only of a great painter, but also of a man of pungent wit. A cultivated and unobtrusive gentleman, he is still full of good things and loves his joke. The correspondent continues:

Some pleasant stories in regard to this happy faculty of his are now undergoing the stereotyping process. Two caricatures from his pencil are mentioned with special commendation. One is relative to a lady who was always late at breakfast. It represents a servant frantically clinging to a bell-rope; his finger lies at his feet literally used up. In the background looms up a pile of broken bells, in a dark corner lie the skeletons of bell-ringers who have died in the service. The second was produced by an advertisement of a lady who, like Juliet, kept a bright eye upon the languishing morals of "Borrihuola Gha." It represents a collection of heathens living upon a banyan tree. Quantities of dismal infants lie on their backs beneath its shade, while the lady conscientiously drops into the mouth of each an indigestible tract. Once when Church was on a visit to Portland, Maine, he noticed a drawing master's sign, and induced by an advertisement impulse, he walked boldly in and desired to take one lesson. The master consented, and the pupil assuming all the manners of a tickled rustic, sat down before a drawing card of the infant series, and, pencil in hand, began to copy. After a time the master approached. The pupil, however, refused to exhibit his handiwork until all was completed. Puckering shoulders and chest, as a boy does when tickled, and holding his paper close to his body, he grimed defiance at the seductive propositions of the unwitting artist. At length the pupil rested. He had not followed copy, but giving free rein to his imagination, he produced what to this day he declares to be the best pencil sketch he ever made. The master's eyes dilated when they rested upon the treasure, and he quickly demanded:

"What is your name?"
"Church,"
"Church, the painter?"
"Church, the painter."

The master took the joke good humoredly, begged the sketch, and they parted the best of friends.

A Garrison of 400 Men made Prisoners—Outposts to be Abandoned.

The enemy being reported in force near Union City, Tenn., yesterday morning, Gen. Brannan with 2,000 men and a battery of artillery, proceeded by rail road to within five miles of Union City, when they learned that Col. Hawkins, with 400 of the 7th cavalry had surrendered at 11 A. M., after repulsing the rebels, who numbered about 2,000, three times. The men were all armed and equipped, and had recently been paid for a year's services. The enemy burned what was combustible about the fortifications and marched off with their prisoners.

Gen. Brannan proposes to abandon such outposts as Hickman and Union City, as they are of no use to the Federals, and at present of no real value to rebels as means of obtaining supplies.

A coffin which was stolen at the great fire in Gloucester, Mass., has been found by the officers with the cover knocked off and a pair of roekers put on its occupant was a live, bouncing baby.

One of the agents of a Hartford insurance company, sending a small remittance of \$1,200 from the West, wrote on the back of the check, "Good for Burns."

NEWS ITEMS.

Boats have been running from La-Crosse to Read's Landing for some time past.

Last year France consumed \$40,000,000 in tobacco.

On the 27th ultimo wood was \$40 percord in Richmond, and pine was as high as \$32.

Fernando Wood is lying dangerously ill at his home in New York.

The rebel furnaces at Atlanta, Georgia, have stopped running for want of coal.

Secretary Howard is said to be confined to his bed by an attack of pneumonia.

Tom Thumb has gone into retirement with a fortune of a quarter of a million.

One dollar in gold is worth twenty-five dollars in confederate currency at Richmond.

Governor Goodwin of Arizona has at length organized a government for that territory.

In Philadelphia, Wm. McEwen and F. Castello, both printers, have been fined heavily for assaulting John K. Ecke, another printer, because he would not "strike." Perhaps he struck during the melee.

A large number of prominent lumbermen at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, advertise that they want five thousand men to raft for them this spring. The war has drawn away their laborers, and there is a prospect of a heavy freshet soon.

The Ohio members of Congress and Mr. Chase having protested so strongly against the removal of Postmaster Baum, the probability is that he will not be removed.

The intense cold of the opening of the winter penetrated everywhere. The unprecedented low temperature in Italy has already been noted. Heavy falls of snow covered in the south of France, and from Suze we learned, "The severity of the weather has been experienced even at Suze, where the utmost consternation prevailed in consequence of the discovery of ice, a phenomenon previously unheard of on the banks of the Red Sea."

Bayard Taylor is sick in Michigan.

Annie Dickinson can't fulfill her engagements—she is sick.

The gas-house at Homestead, Penn., was blown up on Saturday. Two persons were seriously injured.

Slaves are cheap in Maryland. There were sold at auction in Frederick on the 2d inst., one slave girl eight years old for one dollar, one woman for fifteen dollars, and a woman and child five years old for twenty-five dollars.

There are four brothers in Thorndike, Maine, whose aggregate height is 25 feet three inches.

The Sultan of Turkey recently went out to hunt the wild boar, but the wild boar turned upon and hunted the Sultan, disconcertingly knocked him down, and would have made a lazure full of widows had not some of the faithful rescued the sportsman and put the boar to his place.

A Mormon preacher lately said, "I have forty-eight children, and I have reason to hope heaven will consume me many more." Before a hundred years his descendants will exceed in number the population of the State of New York which consists of four million souls."

A new and very stringent liquor law is in force in Baltimore.

In Rutland, Vermont, the roofs of several houses have been broken in by the recent heavy falls of snow.

In St. Louis recently a man and wife were engaged in arranging for a separation. The principal difficulty was the baby, which the woman tearfully begged to be allowed to keep, which the man angrily refused. At length the wife allowed to throw the child into the husband's arms, and exclaimed: "Take it, I can soon have another!"

Quite an extensive revival is going on among the rebel troops at Galveston, above one hundred having made a profession of religion.

Raymond of the N. Y. Times and Thurlow Weed are engaged in the preparation of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, as a campaign document.

It is said there are two rebel iron-clads at Mobile, which are preparing to run out.

Forty-nine ringleaders of a recent mutiny at Fort Morgan, Mobile harbor, are under sentence of death.

The house of ex-United States Senator Yulea, at St. Augustine, Florida, is now the headquarters of the Federal commander of the State.

Jeff Davis has suppressed the Raleigh Standard, thus increasing the surer of its editor's election during the next fall.

The French consul did not appear in conjunction with the consuls from other countries in the procession at the inauguration of Hahn. This looks suspicious. Is France about to recognize?

A newspaper has just been started in Philadelphia to advocate the election of Gen. Fremont to the Presidency.

Joseph C. Willard, who projected the well known hotel of that name in Washington, has been divorced from his wife.

The late Thomas Starr King was buried beneath the pulpit of his church in San Francisco.

A. T. Stuart is not the man who gave \$500,000 to Yale College, and the man—whenever he is—threatens to withdraw his donation if his name is given to the public.

An exchange says the N. Y. Herald has changed its programme, and now it goes for Grant on Mondays instead of Tuesdays—reserving the latter for its McClellan day. Thursday is still its Fremont day.

A resolution in favor of the recall of Gen. McClellan to the command of the army of the Potomac was offered in the New York Assembly on Monday last, and laid on the table.

In a recent burglary in Petersburg, Virginia, one of the articles stolen was a black velvet coat for which three thousand dollars were refused the day previous.

Latterly, recruits have been obtained in New York city at the rate of a thousand a day.

The Legislature of Kansas adjourned on the 1st inst.

The marine losses reported for January and February are sixty-eight vessels, valued at over four million dollars.

The New York Fair is to have its daily newspaper, with Mrs. Kemble, Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Akers; and Messrs. Bryant, Halleck, Lowell, Bancroft among its contributors.

A Mr. Currier of New York is giving political lectures at Washington. She believes in the Union, and is down on the Copperheads.

Revolutions are spreading throughout New England, and it is mentioned as one of their marked peculiarities that there is an absence of excitement.

Gen. Tom Thumb and Mrs. Thumb are exhibiting in Wheeling.

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It is ordered that said application be heard and determined before me at my office in the city of Stillwater in said county, on the 23d day of March next, at two o'clock P. M. of that day.

And it is further ordered, that notice of said application and hearing be given to all persons interested in said estate, by publishing a copy of this order for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the Stillwater Messenger, a weekly newspaper published in said county of Washington.

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